REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 7 and 8 are currently being amended.

Claims 9-13 are currently being added.

This amendment adds and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-13 are now pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-8 were objected to because of the use of "search/presentation" in the claims allegedly does not clearly define the bounds of the claims. This phrase has been changed to "search and presentation", whereby the present invention is directed to both searching for information and for presenting the searched information to a user. Accordingly, this adopted phrase is believed to be appropriate.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art (Specification, page 6, lines 10-20) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,496,776 to Blumberg et al.; claims 2 and 4-5 were rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art in view of Blumberg et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,577,714 to Darcie et al.; claim 3 was rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art in view of Blumberg et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,763 to Yoshioka; and claim 6 was rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art in view of

Blumberg et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,479 to Barton. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

As recited in presently pending independent claims 1 and 8, there is recited a search engine for outputting link information for page data including associated contents from a set of page data on public view in a World Wide Web in response to an input keyword, wherein a first database which stores unit records corresponding to pairs of textual expression and position information is not accessible by the search engine.

In Blumberg, in contrast to the invention as recited in presently pending independent claims 1 and 8, a remote user's position information is provided to location-centric information system 110, whereby a database 112 is accessed by the location-centric information system 110 to provide the remote user with "summary information" concerning landmarks nearby where the remote user is currently located. For example, the remote user is provided with street addresses of houses for sale nearby where the remote user is located, as seen, for example, in Figure 3 of Blumberg.

In Blumberg, unlike the present invention as recited in presently pending independent claims 1 and 8, where the remote user clicks on a particular street address that the remote user desires more information on, that request is provided to the location-centric information system 110, which then accesses the same database 112 to obtain the more-detailed information to satisfy the remote user's request. In Blumberg's system, there is no disclosure or suggestion of obtaining of landmark information from information sources that are accessible via the World Wide Web, when the remote user desires further information as to a particular landmark.

Accordingly, since none of the other cited art of record rectifies the above-mentioned shortcomings of Blumberg, presently pending independent claims 1 and 8 are patentable over the cited art of record.

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Dependent claims 2-7 are patentable due to their dependencies on their base claim 1.

New claims 9-13 have been added to recite additional features of the present invention that are not believed to be disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited art of record, when taken as a whole.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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